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NON-FUNCTIONING OF AIR/DD CENTRES IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of T.V. Relay/AIR centres set up in the country especially in the tribal districts at present, location-wise;

(b) the amount of funds spent on these centers during each of the last three years, centre- wise;

(c) the number of relay centres out of them, which are not functioning properly and the number out of them located in tribal areas;

(d) the details of steps taken to improve their functioning properly; and

(e) the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a): At present, 208 AIR Stations and 1212 TV Transmitters of varying power arefunctioning in the country. Out of these, 84 AIR Stations and 391 TV Transmitters arelocated in Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) districts as per details in Annexure-I and Annexure-II respectively.

(b): The details of expenditure incurred on AIR Stations in Tribal areas during last threeyears is given in Annexure-I. Doordarshan does not maintain centre−wise expenditure, figures. However, approximate annual expenditure on operation and maintenance of an HPT, LPT, VLPT/Transposer is to the tune of Rs. 48 lakhs, Rs. 15 lakhs and Rs. 2 lakhs respectively.

(c), (d) & (e): All AIR Stations and TV Transmitters in the Tribal areas are generallyfunctioning satisfactorily. Faults, wherever there occur, are attended to promptly. Monitoring is done regularly by Prasar Bharati.